



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

February 17, 2006

The Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection is issuing this Notice of Proposed Action under the Nevada Revised Statutes. The Administrator has received a complete application to renew Water Pollution Control Discharge Permit # NEV98004 from the following applicant.

Sierra Pacific Power Company
PO Box 10100
Reno NV 89520

This permit was originally issued in 1998 and sets up a program for remediation and reporting of transformer leaks. Transformer leaks are routine, well understood occurrences. The effect of this permit is to require compliance with applicable state and federal regulations, while eliminating unnecessary reporting and allowing higher levels of non-PCB contaminated soil to remain in place; thereby minimizing excavation.

The Administrator has made a determination to propose renewal of the permit. Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determination, or request a hearing pursuant to the water pollution control provisions of the Nevada Administrative Code, should submit their comments or request in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication either in person or by mail to:

Bureau of Water Pollution Control
Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
901 S Stewart St Ste 4001
Carson City NV 89701-5249

The end of the comment period and deadline for receipt of all comments or requests in this office is 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday March 28, 2006. Mail postmarked with that date will also be accepted. Hearing requests must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time. The application, proposed

permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Robert J. Saunders, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775)687-9437 (email: rsaunder@ndep.nv.gov). In addition, the fact sheet and this notice are posted at <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>. The office fax number is (775)687-4684.